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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1 – 6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A partition wall for a plasma display panel according to claim~~

6, A partition wall for a plasma display panel, comprising:

an insulation layer covering an external surface of the partition wall, the partition wall comprising metal;

a transverse wall extending in a row direction to define a partition between unit light-emission areas adjacent to each other between two substrates of the plasma display panel in a column direction; and

a groove portion formed in at least one of a front-facing face and a back face of the transverse wall,

wherein a dielectric is fitted into said groove portion, and

wherein another groove portion is formed in the other one of the front-facing face and the back face of the transverse wall in which said groove portion with the dielectric fitted therein is not formed.

8 – 9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A plasma display panel, comprising:

a partition wall, made of metal, provided between two substrates and having an external surface covered by an insulation layer, a transverse wall extending in a row direction

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for defining a partition between unit light-emission areas adjacent to each other in a column direction, and a groove portion, which does not pass through the transverse wall from a front-facing face to a back face, formed in at least one of ~~[[a]]~~ the front-facing face and ~~[[a]]~~ the back face of the transverse wall.

11. (Canceled)

12. (New) A plasma display panel according to claim 10, wherein said groove portion is formed in the back face of the transverse wall.

13. (New) A plasma display panel according to claim 10, wherein said groove portion is respectively formed in both of the front-facing face and the back face of the transverse wall.

14. (New) A plasma display panel according to claim 10, wherein said groove portion is formed in a configuration extending in the row direction with respect to the transverse wall.

15. (New) A plasma display panel according to claim 10, wherein said groove portion is intermittently formed in the row direction.

16. (New) A plasma display panel according to claim 10, wherein a dielectric is fitted into said groove portion.

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17. (New) A plasma display panel according to claim 16, wherein another groove portion is formed in the other one of the front-facing face and the back face of the transverse wall in which said groove portion with the dielectric fitted therein is not formed.
18. (New) A plasma display panel according to claim 10, further comprising a rod-shaped dielectric extending in the row direction and integrally mounted on the transverse wall.
19. (New) A plasma display panel, comprising:
 - a partition wall, made of metal, provided between two substrates and having an external surface covered by an insulation layer, a transverse wall extending in a row direction for defining a partition between unit light-emission areas adjacent to each other in a column direction, and a groove portion formed in at least one of a front-facing face and a back face of the transverse wall,
 - wherein a dielectric is fitted into said groove portion, and
 - wherein another groove portion is formed in the other one of the front-facing face and the back face of the transverse wall in which said groove portion with the dielectric fitted therein is not formed.
20. (New) A plasma display panel according to claim 19, wherein said groove portion is respectively formed in a configuration extending in the row direction with respect to the transverse wall.

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21. (New) A plasma display panel according to claim 20, wherein at least one of said groove portion is intermittently formed in the row direction.